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SUBJECT: TIP: GOT PUSHING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PROTOCOLS
WITH SOURCE COUNTRIES

1. (U) During a visit to Ankara led by US Embassy Chisinau in November (septel), a Moldovan anti-TIP government delegation heard high-handed criticism from Turkish interlocutors about Moldova's failure to respond to a GOT-proposed anti-TIP protocol (para 3). The draft protocol, according to MFA DDG for Consular Affairs and TIP Task Force Deputy Director Haldun Otman, is the first step in establishing direct police-to-police and prosecutor-to-prosecutor communication in cross-border human trafficking cases.

2. (U) COMMENT: Otman has repeatedly asserted to us that the MFA first offered through diplomatic channels draft protocols to source country Embassies in Ankara (including Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Egypt, Georgia, Moldova, Romania, Russia, and Ukraine) on November 20, 2003, and again in February 2004. We have confirmed that the embassies of Belarus, Egypt, Georgia, Moldova, Romania and Ukraine have received the draft protocol. According to Otman, only Minsk and Kiev have reached official agreements with Ankara on a TIP protocol. Until source countries agree on a formal anti-TIP protocol with the GOT, Otman and Security Director Mehmet Terzioglu, have repeatedly told us that direct law enforcement cooperation is "inappropriate". END COMMENT.

3. (U) BEGIN TEXT OF GOT-PROPOSED DRAFT PROTOCOL:

PROTOCOL
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA
ON THE COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF TRAFFICKING IN
HUMAN BEINGS IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE AGREEMENT ON
FIGHTING AGAINST INTERNATIONAL ILLICIT DRUG
TRAFFICKING, INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM AND OTHER
ORGANIZED CRIME

Pursuant to the cooperation in the field of trafficking in human beings of the "Cooperation Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the Republic of Moldova on Fighting Against International Illicit Drug Trafficking, International Terrorism and other Organized Crime", the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the Republic of Moldova hereinafter (are) referred (to) as "Parties";

Deeply concerned by the fact that trafficking in human beings, which constitutes one of the transnational organized crimes and is spread out every other day in the world and in our region, provides huge profits to organized crime networks and is also related to narcotics and arms trafficking, as well as smuggling of migrants;

Realizing that trafficking in human beings can be coped with, through timely and effective international cooperation;

Emphasizing the importance of providing judicial, humanitarian, psychological and medical assistance to victims of trafficking in human beings, facilitating their return to their countries and assuring their reintegration and taking the necessary measures in arresting the perpetrators and creating public awareness;

Recognizing the importance of the efforts in stopping the trafficking in human beings by bringing to light the crime networks;

Stressing the need to strengthen the cooperation and coordination between the Republic of Turkey and the Republic of Moldova in combating trafficking in human beings;

Have agreed, to promote measures, in accordance with their respective national legislation and procedures with a view to:

1. Completing the necessary national legal infrastructure in the field of trafficking in human beings and taking the other necessary administrative and institutional measures;

2. Establishing a regional network between the Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) in the countries which face this problem;

3. Supporting the victims of trafficking in human beings, following the establishment of the conditions by the Parties

in the framework of humanitarian, psychological and medical care;

14. Ensuring the victims to testify in the framework of the national legal systems of the Parties, in order to arrest the perpetrators and protecting these victims;

15. Creating public awareness in the relevant institutions on trafficking in human beings;

16. Creating awareness, in their respective countries, among the persons traveling abroad and might be subject to trafficking in human beings;

17. Designating point of contacts in their respective countries, where information on victims of trafficking in human beings will be collected and which will coordinate the issue of trafficking in human beings and sharing the collected information with the other Party;

18. Training of law enforcement agents in combating trafficking in human trafficking in human beings, organizing joint training programmes, exchanging experts of each country and increasing cooperation opportunities;

19. Providing cooperation between the scientific and academic institutions, exchanging experts of each country in order to share experience and knowledge;

10. Tasking the competent authorities in the two countries with the implementation of this Protocol.

This Protocol shall enter into force upon notification in writing by both Parties to each other that they have completed their national procedures.

Each Party may propose amendments to the present Protocol, Amendments shall enter into force upon their acceptance by all parties in accordance with the provisions of the above mentioned paragraph.

Each Party may give notice of withdrawal from the Protocol by written notification to the other Party.

In witness whereof (sic) the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective Government, have signed this Protocol.

Done at, this

FOR THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY

FOR THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

END TEXT OF DRAFT PROTOCOL.
EDELMAN